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SUBJ: ICCS: SECRETARIAT

POUCH AMCONSUL DANANG
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BIEN HOA
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1. ICCS SECRETARIAT IS SLOWLY TAKING SHAPE. ACCORDING DIRGEN EFFENDI NUR, SECRETARIAT PLANS TO HAVE STAFF OF 150, INCLUDING SIX NATIONALS FROM EACH OF CHIP DELS. LATTER ARE NOT YET FULLY INTERGRATED INTO SECRETARIAT, BUT HAVE BEEN PROMISED BY RESPECTIVE DELS.

2. SECRETARIAT IS NOW ADDRESSING ICCS BUDGET, BUT PLANNING IS IN INITIAL STAGES ONLY DUE TO UNKNOWS OF SUCH IMPORTANT CONTRACTS AS PA&E PACKAGE MAINTENANCE (STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION) AND EXPERIENCE FACTOR OF FIRST 60 DAYS WHICH WILL GOVERN ULTIMATE TERMS OF AIR SERVICE CONTRACT. AMBASSADOR NUR APRIL 2 INDICATED DRAFT BUDGET SHOULD BE READY IN APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH.

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EM SECRETARIAT IS PRESENTLY WRESTING WITH SUCH DIVERSE PROBLEMS AS PA& E CONTRACT, OFFICE EQUIPMENT NEEDS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES - INCLUDING MOVIES FOR FIELD SITES, ADDITIONAL VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS, COMPUTER TIME FOR ICCS ADMIN PROGRAMMING, ETC. THE THREE DIRECTORS PROVIDED CANADA, POLAND AND HUNGARY ARE NOW IN PLACE AND FUNCTIONING.

4. AMBASSADOR NUR COMMENTED ICCS IS A " SHORT- F IT. END SUMMARY.

2. THROUGH AN FRG GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, WHO WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO BRIEF US, WE HAVE COME INTO POSSESSION OF A WORKING PAPER PREPARED IN THE EC COMMISSION DATED MARCH 12, 1973, ENTITLED " ORGANIZATION OF THE PETROLEUM MARKET OF THE COMMUNITY". IT SHOULD NOT BE REVEALED THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS PAPER HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION FROM A GERMAN SOURCE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WORKING PAPER HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AT LEAST ONCE IN A MEETING OF MEMBER STATE EXPERTS IN THE ENERGY FIELD WITH STAFF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ENERGY DIRECTORATE. WHILE THE DOCUMENT IS ONLY A WORKING PAPER SUBJECT TO SEVERAL STAGES OF FURTHER CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE EC, THE OFFICIAL WHO GAVE IT TO US CLEARLY BELIEVES THERE IS A CHANCE THAT IT MAY, IN SOME FORM, BECOME A COMMISSION PROPOSAL. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DOCUMENT ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW.

3. NOTING THAT EUROPE WILL PROBABLY REMAIN UP TO THE YEAR 2 000 THE WORLD' S MAJOR IMPORTER OF CRUDE, THE DOCUMENT CONCLUDES THAT THIS SITUATION CAN BE CONSIDERED NOT ONLY ONE OF WEAKNESS, BUT ALSO ONE OFFERING LEVERAGE FOR DISCUSSION, HARMONIZED ACTION AND NEGOTIATION. FOR THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES THE EUROPEAN MARKET CAN REPRESENT " BOTH A PRIVILEGED PURCHASER OF THEIR OIL AND A PARTNER FOR THEIR OWN LATER DEVELOPMENT." THE TRADITIONAL ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES IN SUPPLYING CONSUMER MARKETS HAS UNDERGONE PROFOUND CHANGE THROUGH THE ASSUMPTION OF DECISIVE RESPONSIBILITY BY THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES.

4. " ON THE BASIS OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, THE COMMUNITY INTENDS, BY MEANS OF CONCERTED ACTION WITH THE RELEVANT COMPANIES TO STEER THE PETROLEUM MARKET OF THE COMMUNITY ALONG A COURSE THAT WOULD, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ESTABLISH A MEANS FOR INITIATING A SUPPLY POLICY FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS". FIRST, MARKET REGULATIONS MUST BE ENVISAGED, AND SECOND, THE
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MODALITIES OF HARMONIZED ACTION BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY
AND THE COMPANIES NEED TO BE EXAMINED.

5. IT CAN PRACTICALLY NOT BE AVOIDED THAT NATIONAL
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